



U.S. and Canadian Immigration and Nationality Law (Bimonthly) Newsletter and Updates.

Dear Reader,

Recent court developments continue to shape the H-1B landscape. While a federal court previously struck down the administration's proposed \$100,000 fee requirement for certain H-1B petitions, additional court proceedings are now underway. Employers sponsoring foreign professionals should continue monitoring this issue closely as the legal challenges progress.

Another significant development involves USCIS's resumption of processing certain immigration benefit applications that had been delayed under policies affecting nationals of designated countries. Although the affected applications may now move forward, applicants must still satisfy all eligibility requirements, and related litigation remains ongoing.

Healthcare employers and foreign medical professionals may also welcome reports that USCIS has lifted certain processing holds affecting physician-related immigration filings. This development could help reduce delays for healthcare organizations seeking to address workforce shortages and for physicians pursuing employment-based immigration benefits.

The Department of State has also announced that all available EB-5 Unreserved immigrant visas for applicants chargeable to India have been issued for the current fiscal year. Additional visa numbers are expected to become available when the new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2026, making advance planning especially important for affected investors and their families.

Finally, reports indicate that the Department of State may significantly reduce visa-

processing capabilities at several locations in Africa by consolidating services into regional hubs. Such changes could affect visa appointment availability and processing times for applicants seeking immigrant and nonimmigrant visas abroad.

We encourage you to stay informed as immigration and travel-related policies evolve. If you have any questions about how these changes may affect your status, workforce, or travel plans, please contact NPZ Law Group at info@visaserve.com or call 201-670-0006 (ext. 104). Our experienced U.S. and Canadian immigration attorneys are ready to assist you.

Know Your Rights: What to Do If ICE Comes to Your Home, Workplace, or Stops You in Public (English & Spanish Versions). [Please click here to download and feel free to share it with your friends and family.](#)

Here are this month's top stories to keep you informed:

DHS PROPOSES MAJOR N-400 FEE INCREASE — WHAT GREEN CARD HOLDERS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE FILING.

The path to U.S. citizenship is about to get significantly more expensive if a new Department of Homeland Security proposal moves forward. On June 23, 2026, DHS published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register that would sharply increase the cost of applying for naturalization — and strip away financial assistance options that many applicants have relied on for years.

[To read more, please click here . . .](#)

USCIS QUIETLY LIFTS PROCESSING HOLDS FOR PHYSICIANS ON H-1B AND J-1 WAIVER CASES.

Physicians caught in USCIS processing delays are getting some relief. According to recent reports, USCIS has lifted processing holds that had been affecting pending immigration benefit applications for physicians, including H-1B petitions filed by U.S. employers and adjustment of status applications tied to J-1 waivers.

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BUILDING BRIDGES: MY JOURNEY IN HELPING INDIAN AMERICANS ACHIEVE THE AMERICAN DREAM.

For many immigrants, the United States represents opportunity, innovation, freedom, and the chance to build a better future. Throughout my career as an immigration attorney spanning more than three decades, I have had the privilege of helping thousands of individuals, families, entrepreneurs, students, researchers, physicians, and business leaders navigate the complexities of the U.S. immigration system.

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WHAT THE NEW B-1 “SPECIALIZED TRAINER” CATEGORY MEANS FOR EMPLOYERS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS.

The U.S. Department of State recently updated its Foreign Affairs Manual to recognize a new classification within the B-1 Business Visitor visa category.

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YOUR WORK PERMIT COULD BE HURTING YOUR IMMIGRATION FUTURE — WHAT EAD HOLDERS NEED TO KNOW IN 2026.

Getting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is a big deal. For most immigrants, it means being able to work legally, pay bills, and build something here. But a work permit is not the same thing as a secure immigration status — and in 2026, a number of rule changes have made that distinction more consequential than ever.

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REMOTE WORK IN THE U.S. IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS IT SOUNDS — ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE ON A VISITOR VISA.

The rise of remote work has made it easier than ever for people to work from anywhere in the world. But for foreign nationals visiting the United States, “anywhere” comes with a serious catch — and many people learn about it the hard way.

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DOS VISA BULLETIN UPDATE: VISA BULLETIN FOR JULY 2026 - IF YOUR "PRIORITY DATE" IS CURRENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW?

The July 2026 Visa Bulletin brings significant developments for employment-based applicants, particularly those born in India. Due to heavy demand and visa number usage, the Department of State has made EB-2 India and EB-5 Unreserved India unavailable for the remainder of FY 2026. [Read more . . .](#)

[To view the current cutoff dates for each visa preference category and country of chargeability, please click here to access two charts provided by the U.S. Department of State's monthly visa bulletin.](#)

COULD YOU BE A CANADIAN CITIZEN THROUGH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

Thousands of individuals around the world may have a claim to Canadian citizenship through a parent, grandparent, or other Canadian ancestor. Recent changes to Canada's citizenship-by-descent rules have expanded opportunities for many families to explore their eligibility.

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CANADA'S POPULATION DECLINE MAY INCREASE FOCUS ON SKILLED IMMIGRATION.

Canada recently reported its first quarterly population decline in years, highlighting the country's continued reliance on immigration to support economic growth, workforce development, and demographic stability.

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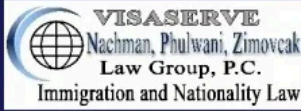
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UPCOMING EVENT

U.S. Immigration Basics in the Trump/Vance Era and Beyond

June 25, 2026

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Venue: [New Jersey Law Center, New Brunswick, and Online](#)

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